GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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STRIKE BY HELICOPTER PILOTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pilots of the helicopters flying between Baltal and Panitarmi in Jammu and Kashmir went on strike recently;

(b) if so, the number of passengers forced to stay at both the places as a result thereof;

(c) whether some the pilgrims of the Amarnath Yatra had faced health related problems due to forced stay at night;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(e) whether the Government proposes to pay compensation to all those passengers;

(f) if so, the amount thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b):- No, Madam. On 4th July, 2010 helicopter operators suspended their operations between Baltal and Panjtarani for some time due to some disturbances that prevailed at Panjtarani helipad on that date. Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited (PHHL) has informed that 65 of their passengers who were forced to stay in Panjtarani, were ferried back the next morning.

(c) and (d):- No reports of passengers facing health problem due to the forced halt have been received.

(e), (f) and (g):- Does not arise.